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To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Jane Amdahl, AARP Montana Volunteer Advocate

Re: Support HB 165, "Revise grandparent/grandchild contact laws"

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for the record my name is Jane Amdahl and I am a volunteer advocate of AARP Montana that represents around 150,000 members in this state. We urge this committee to approve House Bill 165 to give judges the choice to consider appointing a guardian ad litem for the additional purpose of grandparent contact.

A grandparent-child relationship can be difficult; this bill allows for the guardian ad-litem the freedom to sort out a contact agreement that is in the best interest of the child.

I appreciate your time today and urge a do pass on HB 165. Thank you.